

Oppose take-over

Courts for public

A request by Councillor Roy Booth to have members of the committee of the whole comment on the constitution and bylaws formulated by the Moore Park Tennis Association, may result in a complete re-organization of the tennis facilities in Halton Hills.

"I don't know what is in the constitution," explained Councillor Ern Hyde, "but I'm not in favor of any club having 100 percent control over a town-owned court."

The present arrangement between the Georgetown Tennis Club which operates the court in Joseph Gibbons Park, and the town provides for public use of the courts one day

per week, unless invited by a member.

"The courts were a gift to the town by the Lions Club and are now completely controlled by the club," added Councillor Hyde.

The courts are available for public use for only 14 percent of the time they are open.

Councillor Hyde explained, "The courts in the town are for the use of all town people, not just members of the club."

It was suggested that the courts be controlled by the recreation department, as are the baseball diamonds and the arenas in order they get the maximum use.

"We have a hockey and a baseball association, but they don't run the arena or

the park," noted Councillor Hyde.

"The proposed arrangement does little to include the public," noted Councillor Ernie Sykes. "These courts are town courts and should be kept open for the public. I was not in favor of turning over the Lions Club courts and I'm not in favor of this for the same reason."

"We have been asked to build more courts for the public not neighborhood organizations," concluded Councillor Hyde.

The item was referred back to the general administration committee for further research into eliminating the problem and to make sure public courts are for the public.

'NDP must choose between two

The New Democratic Party nominating convention to be held June 25 in the UAW hall in Milton is going to be the site of a full-scale contest, definitely between two men, and perhaps even more.

Don Wackley, Milton, the newly elected president of the new Halton-Burlington NDP organization, has joined William Johnson, RR2 Rockwood, in the race for the NDP nomination in the, as yet, still unannounced 1975 provincial election.

Mr. Wackley announced his decision to contest the nomination at last Wednesday's organizational meeting of the Halton-

Burlington NDP association. Delegates to that meeting elected Mr. Wackley as president of the riding executive and Ron Lewis, Burlington, as general vice-president.

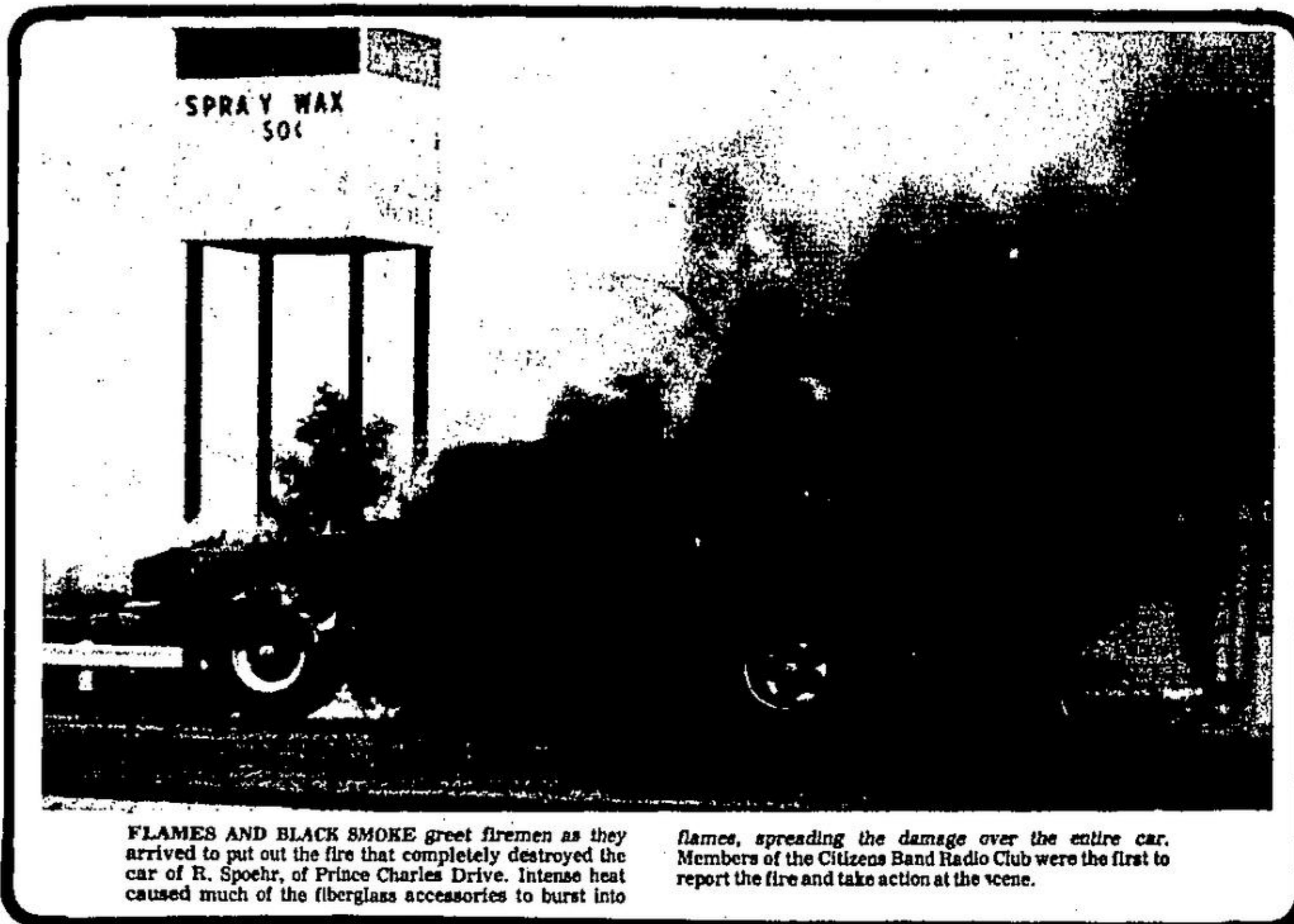
Mr. Wackley had been the past-president of the old Halton East association. Until recently while employed with Ford, he had served in a number of positions with Local 707, UAW, including terms as shop steward, education chairman for the Local and editor of the Local's paper.

He is a media consultant "primarily working with educators to maximize the use of today's media technology in schools."

Born in Windsor, 44-year-old Mr. Wackley has lived in Halton for the past 15 years.

The meeting last Wednesday night also saw the election of Morley Mills as Georgetown vice-president of the riding association; Bill Johnson, Acton vice-president; Richard Brochu, Burlington vice-president; and Marjorie Farrell, Milton vice-president.

Brendan O'Hearn of Acton was elected treasurer of the association and Harold Robertson, Campbellville, recording secretary. Local organizer for the party will be Archie Brown.



FLAMES AND BLACK SMOKE greet firemen as they arrived to put out the fire that completely destroyed the car of R. Spoech, of Prince Charles Drive. Intense heat caused much of the fiberglass accessories to burst into

flames, spreading the damage over the entire car. Members of the Citizens Band Radio Club were the first to report the fire and take action at the scene.



Gordon Alcott Arena opens

INSPECTING THE BU of Gordon Alcott that will be added to the arena are (from left) Regional Councillor Pat MacKenzie; Steamer Emmerson, past Mayor of

Georgetown and one of the "Boys of 1936" and a member of the Little NHL; Building committee member Ab Tennant; and building chairman Ed Ellinger. Hundreds of

Georgetown residents came for the opening ceremonies in honor of Gordon Alcott.

Against plan

"I just want it recorded that the two councillors in whose ward it's going to be built voted against it." Stating that Councillor Ern Hyde, at last week's subsidiary planning board meeting, voted against granting approval in principle to the new, five-storey senior citizens complex on Guelph Street.

However with six other councillors voting in favor of the Ontario Housing Corporation's 88-unit complex has received the needed tentative go-ahead from the town. Next step will be approval of changes to the town's Official Plan to allow the five-storey high-rise in an area not zoned for such use.

Councillors Hyde and Roy Booth, both of whom represented Ward Three in which the building, is going to be built, objected to the height of the building noting that it may overshadow nearby homes on Durham Street and Ostrander Boulevard.

"It was interesting to hear that the OHC intends to comply with the wishes of the town and this council," noted Councillor Hyde. "When we got into it we said that we wanted something along the lines of the senior citizens buildings we already have here in Georgetown."

"It came as quite a bit of a shock when we found that we're going to get a building that is higher than any other building we've got in Georgetown."

"If it is the wishes of the town they want to comply with, then they should consider designing something like we already have."

"If they don't I hope that there's a hearing...I hope it goes down the drain."

Councillor Booth added his support to the opposition. "If this project had been proposed to us as a high-rise apartment development by anyone else we would have flatly refused him."

"There's no gradation at all. We're going from high density to higher density and then to low density. That's not proper planning." Councillor Hyde then noted that, while the building is well planned well back from Guelph Street it would "be towering over one storey buildings beside it."

The architect for the OHC on the project, representing the Oakville architectural firm of Hallford and Wilson, presenting the plans noted that one corner of the building will be within 90 feet of the property borderline. He added, however, that "it will be screened from the whole area to provide something very pleasant."

"It could enhance the properties around it with the proper screenings."

Councillor Ric Morrow agreed on the acceptability of the proposed building both in design and location. "I can't see any better place to put a five-storey building but beside a four-storey building."

"The OHC know through experience what they need. They know the problems."

"We're not putting any weight on the fact the OHC has already built two well-respected buildings here in Georgetown."

"While we muddle-diddle around wasting the OHC's time we're also wasting the time of senior citizens who need this facility."

Ban non-returnables

Georgetown Pollution Probe may approach town council in the near future in an attempt to get a local ban on non-returnable bottles and cans.

John Mitchell, a spokesman for Georgetown's Pollution Probe organization feels that, in order to make any headway in the elimination of non-returnables, all efforts have to be channelled through local council.

London, Ontario is presently attempting to impose a local ban on non-returnables under the municipal jurisdiction of 'prevention of a nuisance'.

Mr. Mitchell explained that local councils ban anything which they consider to be a nuisance to the town.

Mr. Mitchell however stated that "We are holding fire until we see the outcome of London's efforts. If they are successful then it just might be worth our while to take the same type of action."

Some 250 town and city councils from across Ontario wrote letters to the government requesting a ban on non-returnables.

Georgetown Pollution Probe received a reply from Premier William Davis, outlining the steps the government is taking because of their "great concern for the environment."

According to the letter written by the Premier the government is "taking the first step in implementing an extensive and comprehensive approach towards developing solutions to solid waste challenges."

In a recent newsletter released by Georgetown Pollution Probe it stated the group's discontent with the stance and actions the Ontario government is taking.

It stated, "Probe Georgetown has received a letter from the Honorable William Davis which explains in great detail what a tremendous amount of progress is being made towards removal of one-trippers from the scene. The fact still remains that no hard legislation has been enacted, in phase them out."

Until the results of London's efforts are known, Georgetown Pollution Probe plan on sitting tight and perhaps will later plan some actions to be taken in hopes of banning non-returnable bottles and cans in Georgetown.

No water for homes

Water, or the lack of it, may be the major roadblock in the way of a new 115-acre estate residential project planned for an area on the east side of the Sixth Line in Esqueping, north of the 17 Sideroad.

The proposal, which is being put forward by Georgetown developer Al Pillutti, calls for 41 estate homes built on lots varying in size from two to three acres each. The water

supply for each home would come from its own well.

However members of the town's subsidiary planning board were quick to note last Tuesday night that homeowners in the area of the development are already experiencing difficulties with individual wells, both in the quality of the water and the quantity.

The water that is being drawn from that area was termed by one councillor as being "extremely brackish."

A possible solution that was suggested by the planning board to the water supply problem would be to provide municipal water via a new, six-inch main.

That suggestion was made in light of the plans to extend the town's system to the former Township of Esqueping offices on the Seventh Line, just east of the proposed new development. The six-inch main would be able to provide up to 500 gallons per minute to the subdivision.

The planning board decided to pass the proposal on to the town's planner for further studies.

Your Morning Smile



Another donation to the hospital will provide toys for the children's ward as a result of the efforts of five concerned Moore Park youngsters.

The children of Hyland Crescent - Jim and Sandy Firth, Diana and Jannet Brent and Mandy Moore - collected \$5.55 by staging a play. The money was presented by the children to the business office of the hospital last Monday.